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In re Application of: Edward J. Stashluk, Jr. et al
Serial No.: 10/697,485
Filing Date: October 30, 2003
Group Art Unit: 1733
Confirmation No.: 7404
Title: MERCHANDISE RETURN SYSTEM WITH VALUE ADDED
RETURNS PROCESSING (DATA COMMUNICATIONS)

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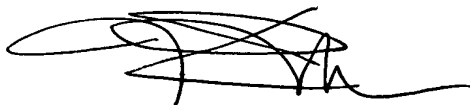
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REMARKS

Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.702(a)(1), it has been over fourteen months since the filing date of this Application and neither a Notification under 35 U.S.C. § 132 nor a Notice of Allowance under 35 U.S.C. § 151 have been received. Thus, a period of adjustment of patent term due to examination delay is accruing in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(a)(1).

If there are any matters that can be resolved through a telephone conference, please contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,
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